

At last the end came: "In 1889 Bunsen retired from active university life, resigning his professorship, and therefore his official residence, and retiring to a pretty little villa in Bunsenstrasse, which he had purchased, where he spent the remainder of his days in quiet repose. His chief relaxation and enjoyment throughout his life in Heidelberg was to wander with Kirchhoff or Helmholtz or some other of his intimate friends through the chestnut woods which cover the hills at the foot of which the town lies. As the infirmities of age increased and his walking powers diminished, he was obliged to take to driving through the woods along the charming roads which intersect the hills in all directions. Writing became a difficulty, and in his latter days the news of him came to me through our mutual friends Quincke and Königsberger.

"Almost up to the last Bunsen continued to take a vivid interest in the progress of scientific discovery, and, though suffering from pain and weakness, ever preserved the equanimity which was one of his lifelong characteristics. Three days before his death, so Quincke writes to me, he lay in a peaceful slumber, his countenance exhibiting the fine intellectual expression of his best and brightest days. Thus passed away, full of days, and full of honors, a man equally beloved for his great qualities of heart as he is honored for those of his fertile brain, the memory of whom will always remain green among all who were fortunate enough to number him among their friends."

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## DR. LEWIS G. JANES.

### OBITUARY NOTICE.

It was with the profoundest regret that we learned of the death of Dr. Lewis G. Janes, lecturer and expositor of science, ethics, and religion, at Greenacre, Maine, on September 5th last. Dr. Janes was very prominent in the free religious and ethical circles of this country, and was an early contributor to *The Open Court*. He did a large amount of historical, sociological, and ethical writing, also, for other magazines (*Westminster Review*, *Popular Scientific Monthly*, *Unitarian Review*, *Boston Index*, etc.) and was an indefatigable lecturer.

Dr. Janes, on his father's side was a direct descendant in the seventh generation from Geo. William Bradford of Plymouth Colony; and, on his mother's side, also in the seventh generation, a descendant from Peregrine White, born on the Mayflower in Massachusetts Bay. "He was born," says a writer in the *Boston Evening Transcript* of September 9th, "in the city of Providence fifty-seven years ago, his parents being people of broad and liberal views in religion and all subjects affecting the well-being of society. What is more, they were enthusiastic Abolitionists, and . . . great friends of Frederick Douglass. He was a pupil in the grammar and high schools, from the latter of which he graduated. . . . Early in life, being of studious habits, Dr. Janes mapped out for himself a literary career, and into such a career he gradually settled. Having become a resident in the city of Brooklyn, he identified himself with Rev. J. W. Chadwick's church, and in the Sunday school there he took charge of an adult Bible class, which became so large and was attended by so many earnest seekers after truth that the class grew into the famous and successful Brooklyn Ethical Culture Association. Dr. Janes became president and his position afforded him splendid opportunities for preparing and presenting many addresses bearing on the religious, philosophical, sociological, and political life of the community. He was always a close and fearless student of the theory of evolution, so that when, during the holding of the Parliament of Re-

ligions in Chicago during the World's Fair, a course of meetings was held for the consideration of the subject of evolution, Dr. Janes was invited to preside at the meetings, which he did with rare tact and sound judgment. . . .

"For many years Dr. Janes was one of the most active members of the Free Religious Association, as were his parents before him, and on the retirement of Colonel T. W. Higginson from the presidential chair, Dr. Janes was appointed his successor. Nor was he less interested in the work of the Liberal Congress of Religion. During the past few years he has done much to make that congress a great power in the world, and has taken a prominent part in the meetings which have been held at the various expositions, including the Paris Exposition last year.

"Five years ago he took up his residence in Cambridge where he founded and directed the now well-known Cambridge conferences which were held through the winter months; while his splendid work as director of the Monsalvat Conference School of Comparative Religion at Greenacre, every summer during the same term of years, won for him a fine reputation and endeared him to all who have been privileged to attend those unique gatherings.

"Among the best-known works of which Dr. Janes was the author may be mentioned: *A Study of Primitive Christianity*; *A Life of Samuel Gaston, a Forgotten Founder of Our Liberties*; *Health and a Day*; *Life as a Fine Art*, etc."

We append to our notice the following tribute to his character and talents by Sister Sanghamitta, a Buddhist nun, and a friend and fellow lecturer at Greenacre :

"In life he was the dear husband, father, friend. To the poor in spirit he had always a ready ear. To the aspirant for spiritual knowledge and seeker after truth, he had a helping hand. When strangers to this country and its religion came from far distant lands, it was Dr. Janes who extended the helping hand of good fellowship, and that in his calm, unbiased way gently, but firmly showed that they *had* truths to give, and that the people of America would do well to listen to them.

"I must now lay my tribute to the feet of this noble life now past. Day after day I attended Dr. Janes's course of lectures, and in the spirit of the Buddha's teachings I must say that the way in which he conducted these lectures was marvellous. No matter what the subject was, or what religion, it was always carefully and unbiassedly treated.

"Dr. Janes was one of the few who has kept alive the spirit of the Congress of Religions held in Chicago in 1893. His was the mind prepared to receive it, and he has nobly continued planting the seed.

"The funeral service was held at Oaklea, the homestead of Mrs. Bangs, Greenacre. On the open green in front of the old home, assembled those who had been with him at the last. Here in the place he loved so well, among the sweet flowers of summer, a fitting tribute to his memory was rendered by the musicians of the Summer School, and words of praise were offered to the Eternal, by the Rev. M. Newton, pastor of the Orthodox Congregation, Eliot, as well as words of love and regret by other old-time friends. Dr. de Buy who had assisted in the conduct of the lectures, spoke these words of the Buddha Dr. Janes had loved so much, 'Behold, brethren, he said I exert you, saying, decay is inherent in all things, but the truth will remain forever. Work out your salvation with diligence.'

"This grand and noble man, possessed with high ideas of truth, feeling the world his country, peoples of all nations his brethren, all religions one in essence,

universal in his interests, must be a great loss to the present period. All true souls, men and women, who have come in contact with Dr. Janes and his work, have been made the better thereby, and thus the chain is welded that will bear fruit in ages to come. 'By his fruits ye shall know him.'"

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